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1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

a. A substitute specification and the claims are required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a) because they appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors.

b. Claim 2 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 1. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection to its translation, set forth in this Office action.

3. Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The claims 1-2 are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that the prior art fails to teach or suggest a palm-size game protection case comprising: an upper lid; a lower lid, wherein a main unit of the palm-size game is sandwiched in between them; and wherein: said main palm-size game unit comprises two buckling holes on each of a front side and a rear side; said lower lid comprises: two locking catches on each of its front end and rear end to engage respective buckling holes on

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the main game unit; and a pair of rails each provided on a side of the lower lid; and wherein the upper lid comprising corresponding tracks for sliding in respective rails of the lower lid.

### ***Conclusion***

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Hino (US Patent 6,313,982); Lai et al (US Patent 6,757,161); Lammers-Meis et al (US Patent 6,819,549); Kim et al (US Patent 6,239,968); Richardson (US Patent 6,646,864) and Makamura et al (JP08046363).

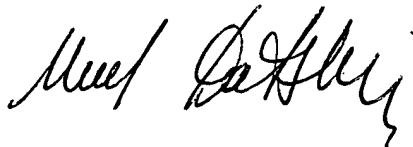
6. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

7. A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V. Datskovskiy whose telephone number is (571) 272-2040. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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